



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 5D

FINAL Minutes

Monthly Public Meeting
Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 7:00 pm
Washington, DC 20002

STANDING REPORTS & ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Welcome & Reports

7:15 Call to Order & Roll Call, Comm. Saucedo-Guzman

Present: Commissioners Arbuckle, Rhodes, Roblin, Saucedo-Guzman, McCray, McCullum, Holsendorf, Green-Campbell

The single member district seat (SMD) 5D04 in central Trinidad is currently vacant. Any residents of that SMD who are interested in serving as commissioner should [contact the OANC](#). You can use [this tool](#) to determine your SMD.

At 7:17, there were 15 attendees present.

7:17 Adoption of the Agenda

Comm. Saucedo-Guzman asked if any Commissioners would like to make changes to the meeting agenda.

Comm. Saucedo-Guzman motioned to remove the item, *Agreement to Participate in the ANC Security Fund (\$50 fee)* from the agenda. The OANC confirmed that ANCs no longer need to sign this agreement for the ANC Security Fund. Second Arbuckle. Vote: 8-0-0.

7:19 Comm. Saucedo-Guzman motioned to adopt the agenda as amended. Second Arbuckle. Vote: 8-0-0.

7:20 Adoption of the Minutes

Comm. Saucedo-Guzman motioned to adopt the meeting minutes from October 2024 and November 2024 as presented to the commission in advance of the meeting. Second Roblin. Vote 8-0-0.

The next regularly scheduled, public meeting will begin at 7PM on Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

ANC 5D Commissioners 2024-2025	5D01: Hector Arbuckle	5D02: Sebrena Rhodes	5D03: Anna Roblin
	5D04: VACANT	5D05: S. Saucedo-Guzman	5D06: Charquinta McCray
	5D07: Juan McCullum	5D08: Juanita Holsendorf	5D09: Crystal Green-Campbell

With 8 Commissioners in-office, 5 constitute a quorum.

Standing Presentations

7:22 Commissioner Introductions (3 Min. Each)

Comm. Arbuckle (5D01 - Union Market): Comm. Arbuckle has lived in Union Market for two years. He started as ANC Commissioner during a vacancy one year ago, so this is his first full term. His priorities for this term include improving pedestrian safety in the Union Market area. The best way to reach him is by email: 5D01@anc.dc.gov.

Comm. Rhodes (5D02 - Ivy City): About Ivy City: most folks are aware of the Crummell School, which is being renovated this year. Comm. Rhodes' priorities include working on illegal dumping issues, safety issues in Lewis Crowe Park, and the Ivy City strategic plan regarding historic flooding and heat island issues. Check out the plan and give feedback on it in February (in partnership with DOEE). The best way to reach her is by email: 5D02@anc.dc.gov.

Comm. Roblin (5D03 - southern Trinidad): Comm. Roblin was Commission Secretary last year, as well as Chair of the Trash and Beautification committee, through which she started a group working on tree planting in the neighborhood and a food forest at the Trinidad Rec Center. The group is exploring a food forest or community garden at the Joe Cole Rec Center as well. There is also a safety task force - anyone who is interested can contact Comm. Roblin. Comm. Roblin shared a plug for the ANC 5D news and events newsletter, which will pass along emails from various government agencies, plus every ANC 5D commissioners' news and events. Email Comm. Roblin to be added to the newsletter distribution list. Comm. Roblin is concerned about what will happen with the incoming presidential administration and if District Home Rule is at risk. The best way to reach her is by email: 5D03@anc.dc.gov or call or text her: 202-651-0581.

5D04 - central Trinidad: This seat is currently vacant - for any issues in this SMD, reach out to the chair of ANC 5D until someone is sworn in as 5D04 commissioner.

Comm. Saucedo-Guzman (5D05 - northern Trinidad): Comm. Saucedo-Guzman represents northern Trinidad, and is a proud member of the community. They live off of Meigs Pl. This is their third term as an ANC Commissioner; they chose to run for a seat after seeing issues during the pandemic. They recently completed their second year as chair of the commission, during which they were involved in the creation of the Trash and Beautification Committee. One of their main issues has been public safety, which is a big issue in their SMD. This aligns with their focus on illegal dumping, which is a big issue in South Ward 5. Comm. Saucedo-Guzman's day job is in conflict resolution, working for retired judges who mediate and arbitrate cases. They are not a lawyer but they do work in the legal field. The work can be hectic but they do their best to protect their mental health and mental peace to prevent burnout. The best way to reach Comm. Saucedo-Guzman is by phone: 202-826-7807; they appreciate the calls and texts but you can also email: 5D05@anc.dc.gov. Their Instagram is @salvadorfor5d05.

Comm. McCray (5D06 - parts of Trinidad & Carver Langston): Comm. McCray - you can call her Char - is very excited to be part of the Commission. She lives on the 1000 block of 17th Pl. NE. She works for the federal government, and has been a federal employee for a few years now. As ANC Commissioner, her first priority is to make sure she's accessible and responsive to residents' concerns. She shared that there are lots of

happenings coming in 5D06, including changes to 17th St. NE and Bladensburg Rd., as well as the new park coming to 19th and L Sts. in Carver-Langston. She wants to make sure that residents have as much input as possible. As a newbie, Char is still coming up to speed and establishing connections with DC government agencies including DDOT and DPW. Over the next few months, she is focused on public safety, trash management, and illegal dumping. The best way to reach her is email: 5D06@anc.dc.gov, phone (text or call): 202-569-8417, or social media: Instagram @charfor5d06; X: @charfor5d06; Facebook: Char For 5D06; Nextdoor: Charquinta McCray.

Comm. McCullum (5D07 - parts of Trinidad & Carver-Langston): Comm. McCullum is a returning commissioner. He resides off of 19th and Benning Rd. Comm. McCullum shared that he is aware of the water main break last night, and was impacted by it as well; everything was restored close to midnight. He was in conversation with DC Water to get as much information as possible, and he confirmed that it was a water main break. Comm. McCullum is passionate about the seniors and children in the community, plus pedestrian safety and sensible development. He plans to continue his work in those areas. The best way to reach him is by email: 5D07@anc.dc.gov.

Comm. Holsendorff (5D08 - northern Carver-Langston): Comm. Holsendorff's SMD includes a lot of senior citizens and folks with accessibility needs. She has lived in the area for 58 years, and has owned her home for 52 years. She is currently working on a few trash issues in the neighborhood. The best way to reach her is by phone: 202-398-2316.

Comm. Green-Campbell (5D09): Comm. Green-Campbell has been a resident advocate for housing issues for three years. Her priority issues at the moment are rat problems, and the need for a fence for protection for Langston Terrace residents. She shared that the residents of 5D09 will be taken care of, and she will do her best to be there for them. The best way to reach her is to call: 240-391-7170, but you can also email her: 5D09@anc.dc.gov.

7:43 Public Safety Report: Sergeant Kelly, MPD

Sgt. Kelly shared that to date in 2025, total crime is 50 (up by seven compared to this time last year), but violent crime is down from 11 to eight. To date, there have not been any homicides or sexual assaults. Robberies are down from eight to seven; five of the robberies were tied together as robberies of establishment and an arrest has been made. Property crime is up slightly from 32 to 42, due to thefts from auto and thefts from establishment. So far, there have been eight motor vehicle thefts - this is the same as the previous year. MPD has continued working on the homicide reduction plan; thrive zones have been set up on both sides of Benning Rd. - including Starburst Plaza, Hechinger Mall, Benning Rd. from 15th to the edge of the 1800 block, down to the Rosedale Rec Center. They are also continuing to work on the Operation Clean Streets initiative to address crimes taking place in public view, such as drinking in public and public consumption of marijuana. They are issuing citations for those crimes and looking to get people to move along. MPD is also continuing crime suppression efforts intended to make sure that violent crime is reduced.

For follow-up regarding this presentation to ANC 5D, email Sgt. Kelly: Robert.Kelly3@dc.gov; Lt. Otero: Reinaldo.Otero@dc.gov

8:12 Executive Office of the Mayor: Christian Starghill, Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services (MOCRS)

Ms. Starghill shared that MOCRS serve as liaisons between residents and the DC government. They are there to assist residents with ongoing issues that they've been faced with but haven't been able to resolve. They are in direct communication with residents, but also connect with residents through the ANC's. They are also involved in emergency response: they respond to fires, stabbings, homicides, and other major situations and report back to the mayor and upper leadership, plus to the ANC for that area. They also perform regular community outreach and relations like attending ANC meetings so residents know who to reach out to with any issues.

Ms. Starghill stated that we made it through big snow, thank you to all the ANC's here who helped her stay updated on how residents were doing. DC is looking for more people to sign up to be Snow Team Heroes. Inauguration is coming up, and DC and the Mayor are encouraging everyone to stay informed during inauguration. Text DCINAUG to 888-777 for updates on street closures, weather alerts, and transit updates. <https://inauguration.dc.gov/>

The MLK Holiday Annual Peace Walk and Parade - events start on January 17 with a community cleanup at 2 PM on Shepherd Parkway. There will be a MLK Peace Walk and Rally on January 18 at 9:30 AM at Shepherd Park (intersection of Malcolm X and MLK Ave). Also on January 18 the MLK Health and Wellness Fair will be held at 10:30 AM at the Entertainment and Sports Arena (1100 Oak Dr. SE). On January 18 there will also be the MLK Day Parade at 10:30 AM. For the first time, this will be held indoors at the Entertainment and Sports Arena as well.

Ms. Starghill can be reached by email: christian.starghill@dc.gov or phone: 202-394-4399. Mr. Black is the MOCRS manager who assists with Ward 5, and he can be reached by email: Anthony.Black@dc.gov or phone: 202-251-5049.

At 8:20 there were 14 attendees.

8:20 Ward 5 Councilmember's Office: Zachary Parker, Ward 5 Councilmember & Oliver Stoute, Constituent Services Director

For Ward 5, Councilmember Parker is as optimistic as ever about our path forward. He stated that there has been a drop in violent crime across District, which has been steepest in Ward 5. One of Councilmember Parker's goals for this term is to revitalize the Rhode Island Ave. corridor from 12th St. NE up to the border of the city. He is excited about plans for a Ward 5 Business Center, which may end up located in 5D. He will be continuing to work to expand DC's Child Tax Credit. He will be chairing the DC Council Committee on Youth Affairs; he encouraged residents to reach out to his team with any issues or questions in this area.

Councilmember Parker announced that Mr. Oliver Stoute was promoted - he will be leading Constituent Services work for the Councilmember's office. Councilmember Parker also announced some upcoming events:

1. January 29 at 3 PM: Ward 5 Public Safety Call - the call is transitioning from monthly to quarterly as public safety issues have cooled down. MPD chief Pam Smith will be the featured guest. The new director of ONES will also speak about her vision. The call will be recorded.
2. February 8: Ward 5 leadership meeting for ANCs and civic association leaders. The event will likely be at Catholic University.
3. February 11 Mixer 6 PM, Awards 7 PM: Incoming and outgoing ANC mix and mingle, to precede the Ward 5 awards program. Will recognize outgoing ANCs ward5.us/awards24. The event will be held at Ivy City Smokehouse.
4. February 25 6:30 PM: Ward 5 Budget Forum – what is top of mind for you and your residents? Many issues come to mind. This will likely be held at Friendship PCS Armstrong Campus 111 O St NW.

Councilmember Parker spoke with Mayor Bowser regarding her conversations with Donald Trump. President Trump's top focus with regards to DC seemed to be on litter, graffiti, and trash: how do we keep the city clean and graffiti-free? The mayor is considering creating a task force with other jurisdictions to keep highways clean along the routes President Trump often travels. Her goal is to keep the feds and administration happy - to be as collaborative and friendly as possible.

Mr. Stoute introduced himself and shared that folks can communicate any community concerns to him directly or via the ANC and he will help escalate those concerns to the appropriate representatives and agencies in the city.

Mr. Stoute confirmed that the CVS on Bladensburg Rd. will be closing February 11. The staff will be working with customers regarding prescription transfers to nearby pharmacies. Mr. Stoute will be asking the DC Department of Buildings how quickly the lot can get classified as vacant, which puts pressure on the owner to find a new business tenant or commence redevelopment of the site.

Mr. Stoute also confirmed that the Aldi on Maryland Ave. is not expected to close despite the new location opening on H St. NE.

ostoute@dccouncil.gov
202-724-8107

At 8:51, there were 14 attendees.

COMMISSION ACTIONS

8:51 Officer Elections

Officer positions are elected annually. Comm. McCullum moderated the elections; he served as parliamentarian last year.

Chair

Nominee: Comm. Saucedo-Guzman (nominated by Comm. Rhodes).

Vote:

SMD	Vote
5D01	Y
5D02	Y
5D03	Y
5D04	Vacant
5D05	Abstain
5D06	Y
5D07	Y
5D08	Y
5D09	Y
Tally	7-0-1

Vice-Chair

Nomination: Rhodes (nominated by Comm. Saucedo-Guzman).

Vote:

SMD	Vote
5D01	Y
5D02	Y
5D03	Y
5D04	Vacant
5D05	Y
5D06	Y
5D07	Y
5D08	Y
5D09	Y

Tally	8-0-0
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Treasurer

Nomination: Comm. McCray (nominated by Comm. Rhodes)

Vote:

SMD	Vote
5D01	Y
5D02	Y
5D03	Y
5D04	Vacant
5D05	Y
5D06	Abstain
5D07	Y
5D08	Y
5D09	Y
Tally	7-0-1

Secretary

Nomination: Arbuckle (nominated by Comm. Saucedo-Guzman).

Vote:

SMD	Vote
5D01	Abstain
5D02	Y
5D03	Y
5D04	Vacant
5D05	Y
5D06	Y

5D07	Y
5D08	Y
5D09	Y
Tally	7-0-1

9:15 2025 Administration

Adoption of Annual Meeting Schedule

ANC 5D Monthly Public Meeting - 2nd Tuesdays of the Month at 07:00 PM

Comm. Saucedo-Guzman moved that meetings stay on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. Second Rhodes.

Vote:

SMD	Vote
5D01	Y
5D02	Y
5D03	Y
5D04	Vacant
5D05	Y
5D06	Y
5D07	Y
5D08	Y
5D09	Y
Tally	8-0-0

ANC 5D COW Meeting - 4th Tuesday of the Month at 07:00 PM [virtual]

Comm. Saucedo-Guzman moved that COW meetings stay on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7 PM.
Second Arbuckle.

Vote:

SMD	Vote
5D01	Y
5D02	Y
5D03	Y
5D04	Vacant
5D05	Y
5D06	Y
5D07	Y
5D08	Y
5D09	Y
Tally	8-0-0

ANC 5D Recess - August and December

Comm. Saucedo-Guzman moved to accept the months of August and December as recess for ANC 5D.
Second: Roblin.

Vote:

SMD	Vote
5D01	Y
5D02	Y
5D03	Y
5D04	Vacant
5D05	Y
5D06	Y
5D07	Y

5D08	Y
5D09	Y
Tally	8-0-0

Change of TD Bank Account Holders from old officers to new officers

Comm. Saucedo-Guzman moved that ANC 5D remove the former ANC officers from the TD bank account and update the account to include the new officers as of 2025. Second McCray.

Vote:

SMD	Vote
5D01	Y
5D02	Y
5D03	Y
5D04	Vacant
5D05	Y
5D06	Y
5D07	Y
5D08	Y
5D09	Y
Tally	8-0-0

Payment of ANC 5D Administrative Assistant from 2024

Comm. Saucedo-Guzman moved that ANC 5D pay administrative assistant from 2024, Andie Vaught, the \$81 owed for three hours of work. Second McCullum.

Vote:

SMD	Vote
5D01	Y
5D02	Y

5D03	Y
5D04	Vacant
5D05	Y
5D06	Y
5D07	Y
5D08	Y
5D09	Y
Tally	8-0-0

February Hires - Historian & Administrative Assistant

Historian Position

Comm. Saucedo-Guzman moved to reopen the position of historian for hire and hire someone in the month of February. Second Roblin.

Vote:

SMD	Vote
5D01	Y
5D02	Y
5D03	Y
5D04	Vacant
5D05	Y
5D06	Y
5D07	Y
5D08	Y
5D09	Y
Tally	8-0-0

Administrative Assistant Position

Comm. Saucedo-Guzman to reopen the position of administrative assistant to allow others to apply for the position - that includes allowing Andie Vaught to reapply for the position - and hire them in the month of February. Second McCullum.

After discussion regarding the time frame for keeping the job posting open and completing the hiring, Comm. Saucedo-Guzman amended the motion. They moved to permit the current administrative assistant to continue working until an official hire has been made for the 2025-2026 term. Second McCullum.

Vote:

SMD	Vote
5D01	Y
5D02	Y
5D03	Y
5D04	Vacant
5D05	Y
5D06	Y
5D07	Y
5D08	Y
5D09	Y
Tally	8-0-0

At 9:48, there were seven attendees present.

Committee Chair Selections

Zoning & Development Committee

Nomination: Comm. Arbuckle (nominated by Comm. Saucedo-Guzman) accepted the nomination.

Motion: Comm. Saucedo-Guzman moved to accept Comm. Arbuckle as Chair for the Zoning and Development Committee. Second Roblin.

Vote:

SMD	Vote
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5D01	Y
5D02	Y
5D03	Y
5D04	Vacant
5D05	Y
5D06	Y
5D07	Y
5D08	Y
5D09	Y
Tally	8-0-0

Environment & Community Committee

Nomination: Comm. Rhodes (nominated by Comm. Saucedo-Guzman) accepted the nomination.

Motion: Comm. Saucedo-Guzman moved to accept Comm. Rhodes as Chair for the Environment and Community Committee for ANC 5D. Second Roblin.

Vote:

SMD	Vote
5D01	Y
5D02	Y
5D03	Y
5D04	Vacant
5D05	Y
5D06	Y
5D07	Y
5D08	Y
5D09	Y
Tally	8-0-0

Trash & Beautification Committee

Nomination: Comm. Roblin (nominated by Comm. Rhodes) accepted the nomination.

Motion: Comm. Saucedo-Guzman moved to accept Comm. Roblin as Chair for the Trash and Beautification Committee for ANC 5D. Second McCray.

Vote:

SMD	Vote
5D01	Y
5D02	Y
5D03	Abstain
5D04	Vacant
5D05	Y
5D06	Y
5D07	Y
5D08	Y
5D09	Y
Tally	7-0-1

Public Safety Committee

Nomination: Comm. Green-Campbell (nominated by Comm. Rhodes) accepted the nomination.

Motion: Comm. Saucedo-Guzman moved to accept Comm. Green-Campbell as Chair for the Committee on Public Safety. Second Roblin.

Vote:

SMD	Vote
5D01	Y
5D02	Y
5D03	Y
5D04	Vacant

5D05	Y
5D06	Y
5D07	Y
5D08	Y
5D09	Y
Tally	8-0-0

Transportation Committee

Nomination: Comm. Saucedo-Guzman (nominated by Comm. Roblin) declined the nomination. Comm. Arbuckle is interested. Comm. McCray (nominated by Comm. Saucedo-Guzman) declined the chair position but is interested in assisting Comm. Arbuckle.

Motion: Comm. Saucedo-Guzman moved to accept Comm. Arbuckle as Chair of the Transportation Committee for ANC 5D. Second Roblin.

Vote:

SMD	Vote
5D01	Abstain
5D02	Y
5D03	Y
5D04	Vacant
5D05	Y
5D06	Y
5D07	Y
5D08	Y
5D09	Y
Tally	7-0-1

Community Feedback & Questions

Comm. McCray proposed a “get to know your ANC commissioners” night where folks could play games and mix and mingle with the commissioners. She will be sending an email to the other commissioners to start organizing this. This would be held at the ANC 5D community space at 371 Morse St. NE in Union Market.

10:16 Adjournment

Comm. Saucedo-Guzman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Second Arbuckle. Vote: 8-0-0. The next meeting will be hybrid - attendees can choose between attending virtually via Zoom or in-person at the ANC 5D community space at 371 Morse St. NE in Union Market.